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RESOLUTION NO. 2016 - 9

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CHAGRIN RIVER WATERSHED PARTNERS ON ITS 20TH ANNIVERSARY.

WHEREAS, in 1996 the Chagrin River Watershed was formed by 16 cities, villages, townships, counties, and park districts in response to increasing concerns about flooding, erosion, and water quality problems; and

WHEREAS, the Chagrin River Watershed is the area of land within Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga and Portage counties where all the water that falls on that land drains ultimately into the Chagrin River and then to Lake Erie; there are more than 800 miles of streams in this 260 square-mile area; and

WHEREAS, during the past 20 years the Chagrin River Watershed Partners has helped dozens of communities throughout the watershed adopt local ordinances to help protect the natural resources and free services that come from healthy streams and wetlands; and

WHEREAS, since 1996, adopted regulations have helped protect 826 miles (49 percent) of the streams, and 2,508 acres of wetlands and stream corridors, leading to increased awareness and informed designs that help reduce runoff and pollution; and

WHEREAS, over the past two decades, the Chagrin Watershed Partners has been instrumental in more than 30,000 trees being planted, keeping more than 67,000 tons of sediment out of streams, installing more than 140,000 square feet of green infrastructure to manage runoff, and protecting and restoring 19 miles of streams; and

WHEREAS, today, the 34 members of the Chagrin River Watershed Partners represent 91% of the land area in the watershed and now provide technical assistance to members and develop cost effective solutions to minimize new and current water quality and quantity problems.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY HILLS, COUNTY OF LAKE, STATE OF OHIO THAT:

SECTION 1. This Council wishes to acknowledge that it was twenty years ago when a group of concerned community leaders in the Chagrin River Valley gathered to form an organization called the Chagrin River Watershed Partners; communities in the Chagrin River watershed joined the organization so that they could work together to protect the scenic and natural resources of the watershed.

SECTION 2. More importantly this Council wishes to recognize the values that motivated community leaders in the Chagrin River Valley to preserve and enhance the scenic and environmental quality of the Chagrin River and it is due to the Watershed Partners' unwavering dedication in offering services that help communities today in maintaining the very same core values of the beautiful Chagrin Valley.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and in effect at the earliest time permitted by law.

Passed: _____

**Nancy E. Fellows
President of Council**

Submitted to the Mayor for his approval on this

_____ day of _____, 2016

Approved by the Mayor:

Attest: _____

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Clerk of Council**

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